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E.O. 11652 : N/A

TAGS : ENRG, QA

SUBJECT : WELL BLOW-OUTS IN QATAR

1. BOTH OF QATAR'S PRODUCING COMPANIES, QPC (ONSHORE) AND SHELL (OFFSHORE) HAVE SUFFERED OIL WELL BLOW-OUTS WITHIN PAST TEN DAYS. NEITHER BLOW-OUT INVOLVED FIRE AND BOTH NOW UNDER CONTROL.

2. QPC BLOW-OUT CAUSED BY HUMAN ERROR IN FUNCTIONING WELL WHICH CAUSED BACK-UP OF PRESSURE AND SUBSEQUENT RUPTURE, RESULTING IN GUSHER EFFECT FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS. RED ADAIR TEAM FLEW IN TO CONTROL WELL. ALTHOUGH WELL OUT OF PRODUCTION FOR NEAR FUTURE, THIS WILL HAVE NO RPT NO EFFECT ON QPC PRODUCTION.

3. SHELL BLOW-OUT WAS DRILLING ACCIDENT WHEN RIG ENCOUNTERED UNEXPECTED HIGH PRESSURE GAS POCKET. AS IN QPC CASE, SHELL WILL KEEP WELL SHUT IN FOR AWHILE BUT ANTICIPATES NO RPT NO EFFECTS ON PRODUCTION.

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